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## IN THE UNITED ATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Richard A. Halavais and Tony C. Chung

Serial No.: 09/295,577

Filed: April 22, 1999

For: INDIVIDUAL SEAT SELECTION TICKETING

AND RESERVATION SYSTEM

Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Group: 2761

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Please amend, without prejudice, before issuance of the first Office Action, the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 7-10, 12-15, and 18-23 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A method [of reserving space or time or reserving and buying tickets for attendance or seating at any event or activity] comprising [the steps of]:
- (a) communicating on demand, from an information server through a wide area network to [any and all] <u>a</u> device[s] connected to [said] <u>the</u> wide area network [such] information [as is contained in] <u>from</u> a database populated [with] by a multiplicity of entries denoting availability [of space] for [any] <u>a</u> venue [wherein said space is needed or desired];
- (b) displaying [such] the information [in a graphical or other fashion] such that [any] an end-user connected to [said] the wide area network can view [such] the information on a client